

## Gridiron Club Holds National "Convention"

Thirty-fifth Dinner of Famous Organization Devoted to Caricatures of Campaign Features

Spirit Messages Received

Women Demand "Self-Determination on Penalty of Male Extermination"

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Having arrived at the Presidential age of thirty-five years, the Gridiron Club, celebrated the event to-night by turning its dinner into a national non-partisan political convention, at which 1920 candidates heard their claims presented in a fashion new to party politics.

Many were nominated and more were discussed in such a way as to suggest to all the candidates who were present the notion that perhaps they take themselves too seriously.

The Gridiron convention was called to order by the clanging of a dinner bell, and when the delegates, who also included guests, filed into the hall and took their seats at the dinner tables they discovered that both great political parties were heavily represented by some of their most distinguished members. Among those present were Secretaries Colby, Meredith, Houston, Payne and Daniels, Attorney General Palmer, Speaker Gillett, General Pershing, the Japanese Ambassador, the Polish Minister, former Secretaries Lansing and Lane, Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic National Committee; Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican National Committee; Senators Watson, of Indiana; Owen, of Oklahoma; Harding, of Ohio, and Ford, of Washington; Governors Spruell, of Pennsylvania, and Morrow, of Kentucky, and Colonel George Harvey.

Bryan Barred as a Reporter  
The convention was opened by the selection of a temporary chairman, following which it proceeded to elect a permanent chairman, who proved to be W. W. Jermaine, the new president of the club.

A press section was filled with working newspaper correspondents, and a large number of editors and publishers tried to crowd in. Dr. Albert Shaw could not get a seat among the correspondents, who also rejected applications from William H. Taft and William J. Bryan.

The working correspondents, however, were not without their troubles. "I was told to describe Herbert Hoover," said one. "To what party does he belong?"

"I don't know," was the answer. "I haven't asked him since yesterday."

Platform planks on prohibition, labor, the tariff and the war made their appearance.

"My paper wants to know," one correspondent asked, "whether McAdoo is for or against government ownership of railroads."

"Answer 'Yes,'" he was advised.

Leaders' Spirit Messages  
A session was given over to the ministration of three mediums, who summoned spirits. The spirit of Charles E. Hughes remarked: "I would have

been all right if Will Crocker had not fed me those California pine olives. Said the spirit of Josephus Daniels: "I am being punished for my sins."

The spirit of Vice President Marshall observed: "What the Democratic party needs is a folk-killer. Then the few of us left can form a new party."

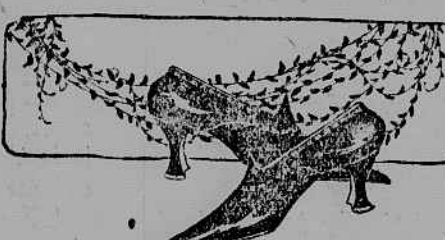
There was a musical interlude, also political, in which Senator Harding, Attorney General Palmer, Herbert Hoover, General Leonard Wood, Governor Lowden and William J. Bryan all found themselves caricatured.

The political status of the peace treaty also was considered. Three chefs in full regalia appeared in the center of the hall and proceeded to construct a pudding, which they promised would be the last word in artistic perfection.

The pudding, it appeared, was planned to have fourteen joints of perfection, but at the last minute it was found necessary to eliminate a number of the joints. The trio of chefs labored diligently to expedite the process as they mixed. The pudding finally was covered with an icing approved by forty-nine members of the senate, but no sooner had the icing settled into place when the pudding exploded with a loud report scattering the contents all over the chefs.

At one point the convention was interrupted by the invasion of a gorgeously dressed woman, who demanded in loud tones to be shown to a seat. The "woman" declared that she had been elected a member, and that, if necessary, she would throw a man out in order to get a place at the tables. If the women don't get self-determination," she said, "there'll be male extermination."

There were speeches by Secretary Colby, Speaker Gillett, Prince Casimir Lubowski, the Polish Minister; Colonel George Harvey, General Pershing and Governor Morrow. Reporters, however, are never present at Gridiron Club dinners, so the speeches were not reported.



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BERLIN, April 10.—The Bremen correspondent of the "Vossische Zeitung" learns that the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, following the example of the Hamburg-American company, is negotiating with the American Shipping Board with a view to resuming its services. The company aims to have its former steamships released and sail under the American flag, while it offers crews, port works and technical equipment.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Sale of the first government-owned ship for service on the former Hamburg-American Line trade route was announced today by the Shipping Board. The Consolidated Maritime Line, of New York, it was stated, had purchased the former Austrian steamship "Carnaria," 1,560 deadweight tons, for \$755,000.

Victor S. Fox, of New York, who arranged the transaction for the line said that the ship would be put into service on the old Hamburg-American route between Germany, England and South America, carrying grain and general cargo. The line will not cooperate with the Hamburg-American company, he said, but will operate independently until the Shipping Board's plans for opening up the pre-war German trade route to American vessels have been completed.

"Reds" Mobilize New Army  
STOCKHOLM, April 10.—A Bolshevik army has been mobilized and equipped, according to a Moscow message, in preparation for an advance to the Polish front. The Bolsheviks are calling great military forces to arms for the purpose of coercing the Poles to accept peace terms by the menace of a general offensive.

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